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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. 1.114. This Request is filed within two months of the Notice of Appeal filed on September 9, 2002. 37 C.F.R. 1.192(a); 37 C.F.R. 1.114 (a) and (b). Accordingly, this Request is timely filed.

Enclosed please find a check for \$740.00 in payment of the Request for Continued Examination fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e). No other fee is believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-1133.

In response to the Advisory Action of October 10, 2002 (Paper 12), Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the amendments made in the Response to Office Action, previously filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 on September 9, 2002.

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On the basis of these amendments, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If there are any questions regarding this Request for Continued Examination, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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